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The Historical Society

OF MARBLEHEAD.

THE BEGINNING.

At the meeting of the Trustees of Abbot Public Library, held in their room August 6, 1883, while Marblehead history was under discussion, regret was expressed, that no systematic effort had been made to collect and preserve printed matter relating to Marblehead and its people. That discussion led to farther action, on the part of the Trustees, and the issuing of the following appeal to the public :

“The Trustees of Abbot Public Library of Marblehead, Mass., have voted to establish an archeological or historical department for the preservation of historical matter relating to the town of Marblehead and its people. To that end contributions of printed pamphlets, orations, sermons or addresses delivered in the town, or before any of the organizations thereof, or

biographical sketches of any of its inhabitants, are respectfully solicited. It is thought that a search among private papers may reveal valuable material of this kind. The Trustees would kindly suggest to those who are interested in the town, that important documents relating to its history, which might otherwise be lost, would, if donated, to the Library, find a permanent and secure place of deposit. All contributions will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged."

In response to that appeal the Trustees received numerous pamphlets and papers which were classified, entered upon a special accession book and placed in pamphlet cases for easy reference. The "authors" and "titles" were then added to the Marblehead card catalogue.

Up to this point, for a Public Library, it was quite successful and the plan satisfactory.

After a fifteen years' trial the Trustees were satisfied that the scope of a Public Library was not wide enough to cover a field so rich in history as Marblehead, and that nothing but a Historical Society with a large membership, could successfully grapple the situation, collecting not only printed matter and manuscript documents, but also relics and antiques.

At their regular meeting May 2, 1898, it was unanimously voted, that the chairman be authorized to

call a meeting of the past and present members of the Trustees of Abbot Public Library, at such time as he may prefer, for the purpose of forming a Historical Society of the Tówn of Marblehead.

For the purpose named in the above vote, the chairman issued an invitation to each of the survivors of the past members and to the present Trustees (eighteen in all) to meet at the Trustees' room in Abbot Hall, Monday evening, May 9, 1898, at 7.30 o'clock.

The result of that meeting was the Historical Society of Marblehead, as its records will show.

PREAMBLE.

We the undersigned inhabitants of Marblehead and the descendants of those who have dwelt here, do hereby form ourselves into an Association for the commemoration of the early settlement of our town and of those persons whose lives have made it famous, for the perservation of whatever may yet be found of historic interest, tradition or relics of the past.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this association shall be the Historical Society of Marblehead.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any resident, former resident or descendant of any resident of Marblehead may become a member of this association by signing the By-laws and paying the annual membership tax of fifty cents. Any member failing to pay the annual dues for two consecutive

years shall forfeit his or her membership. A payment of ten dollars at one time, shall entitle to life membership, exempt from all dues. Honorary or corresponding members may be elected at any regular meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and five Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGEMENT.

The direct management of the Society shall be in the hands of an Executive Board to be composed of the President, Secretaries, Treasurer and Directors, of which five shall constitute a quorum. This board shall hold quarterly meetings, and may be convened at the call of the President or any two of its members.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society which shall be held on the second Thursday of May; public notice thereof shall

be given five days previously ; seven members shall constitute a quorum. Other meeting may be determined by the Society. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board, or at the request of five members of the Society, addressed to the President or Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Executive Board ; also to approve with signature all current bills and orders before payment by the Treasurer. In his absence his duties shall be performed by the senior Vice-President present or by a chairman elected pro tem.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTY OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all the transactions of the Society and of the Executive Board and make a full report thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTY OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall write all communications of general correspondence and such other

clerical duty as may not be specified for the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTY OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Society, collect the annual dues and pay all demands which may be authorized by the Executive Board, and also bills for current expenses approved by the signature of the President.

ARTICLE X.

DEPOSITORY.

The Abbot Public Library shall be made the depository of all historical matter, documents, relics, etc., that may come into the possession of the Society, or may be intrusted to its care.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the members of this Society, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of said proposed action shall have been given in the call for the meeting.

By signing full name below, detaching this slip and handing or mailing it with the annual membership fee (fifty cents) to the President, Secretary or Treasurer, one who is eligible becomes a member of the Historical Society of Marblehead.

I hereby assent to the conditions and requirements of the foregoing Preamble and By-Laws.

SIGN HERE



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